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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed June 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired September 17, 2002, and an extended statutory period for response set to expire October 17, 2002, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

AMENDMENT B (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method for treating wastewater, comprising the steps of: providing an ozone system; collecting wastewater in a tank, transferring the wastewater from the tank to the ozone system; oxidizing the wastewater at the ozone system; returning the oxidized wastewater to the tank; monitoring the amount of oxidation of the wastewater in the tank; and